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Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

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Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

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F. COCHINARD,  
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Hongkong, February 8, 1882.

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

We have been appointed Agents for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

### NOTICE.

The Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm CHANGED on the 30th April, 1882.

REISS & Co.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882.

## Auctions.

### FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction,

### TO-MORROW,

the 13th June, 1882, at Noon, at the LONDON MISSION HOUSE (West-wing).

### SUNDAY

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of:—

CLIMBING DAMASK COVERED CHAIRS and COUCHES, TABLES, MIRRORS, DINING TABLE, CROCKERY, &c.

BRASS BEDSTEAD, WARDROBE, MARBLE-TOP WASH-STAND and DRESSING TABLE.

### Also,

4 VOLS. WAVERLY NOVELS.

1 CANOE, &c., &c.

TERMS.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j13

## For Sale.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

### CLOARETS

From a SOUND WINE at \$3.50, to CHATEAU LAPITE.

### SHERRIES

A PALE DRY WINE at \$8, to Very CHOICE AMONTILLADO.

### PORTS

GOOD WINE at \$8.50, to Old INVALID PORT.

### HOCKS

STILL and SPARKLING BURGUNDIES

BAUME and CHAMBERTIN.

### CHABLIS

SAUTERNE.

### CHAMPAGNES

MOSELLE.

Hongkong, May 15, 1882. j15

### To Let.

#### TO LET.

##### (WITH IMMEDIATE ENTRY.)

THE RESIDENCE known as "BELLEVUE," ALBANY ROAD. Apply to R. LYALL, Queen's Road Central.

TO LET.  
(POSSESSION on 1st JUNE NEXT.)

THE FIRST FLOOR, West Side, of "MARINE HOUSE," No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD. Now in the occupation of Messrs WILSON & BIRD.

Apply to E. R. BELLIOS. Hongkong, May 16, 1882.

### TO LET.

#### TO LET.

NO. 4 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDAR'S HILL. Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, May 3, 1882.

### TO LET.

#### TO LET.

GODOWN STO L E T. PRAYA EAST and WANCHAN ROAD. For Particulars, apply to SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. j15

### For Sale.

### Intimations.

#### NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS for the SUPPLY during the Six Months from 1st JULY to 31st DECEMBER, 1882, to the PORTUGUESE NAVAL STATION at MACAO, of RATIONS for the Crews, UNIFORMS, and SHIPS' STORES, &c., will be Received at the Harbour Master's Office at Macao till the 15th Instant.

The TENDERS will be Opened, and Public Licitation will take place in the above Office on the 16th Instant, at 11 o'clock a.m., when the Contract will be adjudicated to whoever may offer the best advantages with regard to Prices and Qualities of the Articles to be supplied.

Full Particulars of the Articles that may be required, and of the Conditions of the Contract to be entered into, can be learnt on Application at the PORTUGUESE CONSULATE at Hongkong, any day between the hours of 10 in the Morning and 3 in the Afternoon.

Portuguese Consulate, Hongkong, 6th June, 1882.

J. LOUREIRO, Consul General for Portugal.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882. j15

### Intimations.

#### NOTICE TO MARINERS.

##### CANTON DISTRICT.

###### No. 4.

###### NOTICE

For Sale.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
No. 63, Queen's Road East,  
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSARIAT),  
A RE NOW LANDING, EX  
A BRITISH BARQUE  
"STILLWATER."

**DEVÖE'S NONPARIEL**  
BRILLIANT  
KEROSENE OIL,  
150° test.

SPARTAN COOKING  
STOVES.

FAIRBANKS SCALES:  
OAKUM.  
TAR.  
TURPENTINE.

EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

**CALIFORNIA**  
RACKER  
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb  
tins, and loose.  
Alphabetical BIS-  
CUITS.  
Fancy Sweet Mixed  
BISCUITS.  
Ginger CAKES.  
Soda BISCUITS.  
Oyster BISCUITS.

Cracked WHEAT.  
OATMEAL.  
HOMINY.  
CORNMEAL.

TOPCAN BUTTER.  
Eastern and California CHEESE.  
Boileos CODISH.  
Prime HAMS and BACON.

Eng. Brand Condensed MILK.  
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.  
PICKLED OX-TONGUES.

Family PIG-PORK in legs and pieces.  
Paragon MACKEREL in 6 lb cans.  
Beau Ideal SAUSAGES in 5 lb cans.  
Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.  
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage MEAT.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted PICKLES.

MINCERMEAT.

COMB HONEY in Original Frames.

Richardson & Dahlberg's Celebrated Potted MEATS.

Richardson & Robbin's Curried OYSTERS.

"Lunch TONGUE."

McCarly's Super LEMONADE.

Cream CHOWDER.

Smoked SALMON.

Green TURTLE in 2½ lb cans.

etc., etc., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,  
including:

TEYSONEAU'S DESSERT FRUITS.

ALMONDS and RAISINS.

PICNIC TONGUES.

COCONUTINA.

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LIPSON & EPP'S COCOA.

FRENCH PLUMS.

PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCERMEAT.

SAUSAGES.

BRAUN.

ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.

BREAKFAST, TONGUES.

ANCHOVIES.

ASPARAGUS.

SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNES.

HEDDICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE SEAL.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN.

JULES MUMM & Co., pints & quarts.

CLARETS—

CHATEAU MARGAUX.

CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints & quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, " "

IREV GRAVES, " "

BREAKFAST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACONE'S MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

SAUCONE'S OLD INVALID PORT

(1848).

HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

BISQUIT DUROCHE & Co.'S BRANDY.

FINEST OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE BITTERS.

&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMBON and SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

PILSENER BEER, in quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED CIGARS.

New Season's CUMSHAW-TEA, in 5 and 10 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF SAFES, and CASH BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
**CITY HALL.**  
SECOND SUBSCRIPTION NIGHT  
TO-MORROW EVENING,  
13th June, 1882.

**BANDMANN & BEAUTE T COMBINATION**  
WILL APPEAR IN  
SHAKESPEARE'S SUBLIME TRAGEDY  
In 5 ACTS, OF  
"ROMEO & JULIET."

ROMEO, ..... HOTT BANDMANN,  
JULIET, ..... Miss BEAUTE.

TICKETS AT KELLY & WALSH'S.

Theatre kept Cool and Fans are provided.

ON THURSDAY "OTHELLO."

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j616

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.  
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates  
for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW  
CHIANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW  
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Antenor,"  
Captain BRAVO, will be  
despatched at Noon TO-  
MORROW, the 13th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j613

FOR SHANGHAI.  
The Steamship  
"Hongkong,"  
Captain FRYER, will be  
despatched for the above  
Port TO-MORROW, the 13th Instant, at  
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j613

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).  
The M. B. M. S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer  
"Kumamoto Maru,"  
will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
H. J. H. TRIPP,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j615

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship  
"Thales,"  
Captain POCOCK, will be  
despatched for the above  
Ports on FRIDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j616

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship  
"Glenartney,"  
Capt. WALLACE, will be  
despatched as above on or about the 24th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATTHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship  
"Achilles,"  
Capt. ANDERSON, will be  
despatched on or about the 24th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882.

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF LYALL, STILL & Co.

A DIVIDEND MEETING in the above  
Estate will be held by and before the  
Undersigned at his Office, Supreme Court,  
on THURSDAY, the 22nd Inst., at 11 a.m.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF A. C. F. BIELFIELD.

A DIVIDEND MEETING in the above  
Estate will be held by and before the  
Undersigned at his Office, Supreme Court,  
on THURSDAY, the 22nd Inst., at 2 p.m.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF LEONARD BAERNE.

A DIVIDEND MEETING of the above  
Estate will be held by and before the  
Undersigned at his Office, Supreme Court,  
on THURSDAY, the 22nd Inst., at 3 p.m.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF TONG AH YUTE & CO.

A DIVIDEND MEETING of the above  
Estate will be held by and before the  
Undersigned at his Office, Supreme Court,  
on SATURDAY, the 24th Inst., at Noon.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF F. T. VAUCHER & CO.

A DIVIDEND MEETING of the above  
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Undersigned at his Office, Supreme Court,  
on FRIDAY, the 23rd Inst., at 2 p.m.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

IN THE BANKRUPTCY OF TONG AH YUTE.

A DIVIDEND MEETING of the above  
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on SATURDAY, the 24th Inst., at Noon.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,  
Registrar.

Hongkong, June 12, 1882. j614

TO LET.

FOUR Commercial HOUSES in  
RICHMOND Terrace, Bonham Road,  
Possession from 1st July.

Apply to

HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, June 10, 1882.

## To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.  
COLONEL IKE AUSTIN'S NEW  
AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE,  
NOW OPEN AT  
THE HONGKONG HOTEL,  
SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

In consequence of the great success of the last competition, and in accordance with the wishes of a large number of the Marksmen of Hongkong, Colonel Austin has decided on offering for competition:

A Splendid SILVER CUP value \$50, a SILVER WATCH valued at \$25, and a SILVER PENCIL CASE valued at \$7, in Three Prizes: First, Second and Third. Open to all Amateur Marksmen. The Subscription List is now open and will close on the 30th Instant, Post Entries up to time of Firing—Entrance, \$3 each. Competitors may make their own arrangements as to Umpires, Judges, and Scorers. Conditions of Firing will be the same as ruled at the last competition.

WIMBLEDON TARGETS AND RULES  
WILL GOVERN THE SHOOTING.

ANY POSITION ALLOWED.  
Entrance Fee \$3.00, Shots and Targets included.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN  
SPORTING RIFLES!!!

whom the hated and ultimately banished. In spite of the animadversions of our brother critic at Shanghai we maintain that the scene "is such as to accord with the historical position and actions" of the dramatic personae when la Pompadour, with her foot firmly planted on the neck, avowed the destinies of France.

As the play proceeds, still more light is thrown upon the social state of the time preceding the revolution. The age of faith had given place to an enlightened, but cynical philosophy, belief in one another and loyalty all vanishing, if they have not already done so. The clergy were in a state of moral impotence, and the noblesse, witty, profligate, brave, indifferent as to whether they drew blood at the sword's point or stabbed to the heart with a jest. Backstairs' influence was paramount; office seeking was reduced to a fine art. The poor were forgotten. We might also refer to fêtes by which la Pompadour contrived to maintain her ascendancy over the besotted King for so many years, and which are the very means by which her own ruin is assured in the play. It is, of course, as we shall presently see, not in accordance with what actually did occur, but its introduction is a skilful dramatic adaptation. It is not then on the scene of bad play-writing that "Narcisse" can come in for adverse criticism.

Now, a word or two about the characters. *Narcisse de Rameau* is a pure creation. "There was never no such person." In the play, Diderot is made to say that he takes him for the original of his "Le necre de Rameau," a novel well known to our German residents through its translation by Goethe. It is however not too much to surmise that Brachvogel, the German dramatist, disinterred him from "Göethe," furnished him up by the aid of the brilliant and piquant "Correspondence Induite de Grimm et Diderot," and finally married him to la Pompadour, and sent them both trotting round the world under the care of Herr Bandmann.

To estimate correctly this character we find it a most difficult task. We seriously question whether such a human compound in accordance with the eternal fitness of things, could possibly exist, being as it is an irreconcileable medley of opposing elements. *Narcisse* is a mixture of the laughing and weeping philosophers, a mordant jester à la Diogenes, is gifted with a delicate sensitive soul, a magician and a fool! This, the part in which the dramatic interest centred, was the rôle that Bandmann had to play, and play it he did with marvellous force. If anything, it was too loud and blatant, not delicate or subtle enough for our individual taste, with a tendency to degenerate into the rant of the transpontine drama.

Miss Baudot, as *Doris Quinault* of the *Theatre Francaise*, acted her own charming self, doing full justice to the good things sparkling in her part. Her *espriègle* in the flirtation scene between Chevalier de St. Gambert was highly enjoyable. She makes a bewitching coquette; and we must add that the action and reaction of the dialogue was admirably sustained by both actors.

Miss Nellie Ferguson as *la Pompadour* had a most difficult part to play. Louis Fifteenth's Pompadour, butcher's daughter though she was asserted to be, was wonderfully clever, carefully educated, and excellent in all the lady-like accomplishments of the period—music, elocution, dancing. To her perfect grace and irresistible beauty, she possessed the art of dressing with exquisite taste and was a charming actress. As we have seen she was a friend of poets, savans, philosophers. On the other hand, she was cold, heartless, superstitious, impudent, ambitious, vindictive and relentlessly cruel. These traits, we may say, are sufficiently brought out in the play. Brachvogel having kept himself well within the bounds of historical truth, with the exception, no slight one, that instead of la Pompadour dying on the eve of her triumph, her marriage à la Maintenon, she held her power to the very last. While on her death-bed, with face buried to hide the ravages of her fatal disease, she gave audience to Ministers, Princes, Ambassadors, swaying in fact the destinies of France.

We are in doubt whether either of the ladies in this Company will do full justice to this character; Miss Ferguson, however, took up fairly by surprise, and indicated possibilities, by which, with further culture, and careful study of style and pronunciation, may develop into higher histrio powers. In the closing scene she seemed to get rid of all her minor imperfections and played with a verve and enthusiasm that entitled her to a full share in the rounds of applause that greeted the performers at the curtain fall.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be played to-morrow evening.

**By Our Friends THE BARBARIANS.**—A member of the Japanese Legion was observed to stop the day before on one of the ships, now so familiar in our metropolis, devoted to the sale of "Japanese" goods, and remain for some minutes lost in silent contemplation, after which he observed to his companion, "What very extraordinary works of art these Europeans do produce!"

Southern Acacias.—(See Mrs. Montgomery Morris's drawing-room just before dinner.)—Mrs. Sidney Mountjoy (to hostess) "Oh, yes, Biarritz was all very well, but we got into a quarrel with some people there—a dreadful couple, who behaved most shamefully! I told the husband, a certain Mr. Hamilton Allsop, means to pull Sidney's nose whenever and wherever he meets him, and his horrid wife actually declared she'll—" Footman—"And I said Mrs. Allston Hallowell"—Punch.

A MARVELOUS STORY.—The following story, which comes from San Francisco, is published in a New York paper with the heading—"British Hard to 'Take In'."—Charles Dell and Harry Colton, members of the Olympia Club, were out duck-shooting. While trying to cross one of the shoals along side Harry sank in the soft mud up to his ankles. It was impossible for Charles to reach him, through fear of sinking also. The tide was rapidly coming in; no time was to be lost, for in 20 minutes it would be over Harry's head. On the bank, a man stood a gun pipe about Mt. Cook. This Mr. Dell managed to get to Harry, who stood in the mud, put it to his mouth, and when the tide raised over his head, hauled him through it for four hours while Charles waited for help to the drawbridge six miles away. He returned with some difficulty, and when the tide receded again reached his friend, who was almost dead from exhaustion.

#### MEETING OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held in the Chamber of Commerce room this afternoon, when there was a very meagre attendance.

The Secretary (Mr. Fisher) read the notice of meeting, and the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The Chairman (Mr. Lytle) said: Gentlemen, I shall now proceed to read the report of the past year:

Since the last general meeting the Members of the Society have had an opportunity of displaying the utility of the Institution.

On the 14th October last year the Colony experienced one of the severest gales that has visited Hongkong for some years; it continued from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but raged most severely from 1 to 3 in the afternoon.

During the time the storm lasted the Members of the Society were out along the Pines doing good service, and succeeded with the aid of Volunteers from the Sailors' Home and European Members of the Police Force, in rescuing over 150 persons from sinking craft in the Harbour.

During the past year the members who have attended the practices with the Royal Apparatus have shown themselves thoroughly efficient at their various duties.

There has only been one Committee Meeting during the year, as the business to be transacted was trifling.

It is to be regretted that the Society had during the period under review lost several of its most valuable members.

The untimely death of the Rev. G. C. Booth is greatly to be deplored. He was ever ready and cheerfully did his share of work when occasion required.

The removal of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers to Singapore deprived the Society of two most active members, Lieut. Windrum and Mr. Bridger.

Other members have also left the Colony and at the present time only 18 remain, but it is hoped that the Society may obtain a considerable accession to its numbers before the commencement of practice this year.

It is interesting and highly gratifying to note that the late Government take an interest in the Society's work, the Board of Trade having recently applied to Mr. H. G. Thomasset, Harbour Master at this Port, for particulars of the manner in which the Society is conducted, the means of saving life at its disposal, and the number of lives saved during the last five years. The necessary information has been forwarded by Mr. Ryrie, the President of the Society.

It is a matter for congratulation that the working expenses of the Society have been reduced considerably, the item of rent being no longer incurred in consequence of the Government allowing free storage for wagons and apparatus. There has also been a considerable reduction in the charge for coals hire. Though the amount in the hands of the Treasury is small, only amounting to \$63.0, it compares favorably with last year's balance sheet, which was considerably on the debit side.

At this meeting Officers will have to be elected for the ensuing year.

That is the report, which is a fairly interesting summary that it shows that the society has again proved its usefulness to the Colony, and should occasion again arise, I think the society will be found as ready as ever.

Tai Atai, the complainant, said: I am a single woman, 18 years of age, and had a prostitute in a brothel in Canton for two years. On the 1st March last my own mother took me from the brothel to a house in Canton, and on the 4th of that month, the defendant came to that house, and agreed with my mother to sell me to the defendant for \$235. I saw my mother hand a paper to the defendant. Myself, and my mother put our marks on the paper. The paper was a bill of sale of my body for three years as a prostitute. I agreed to be sold for that purpose. I remained in the house at Canton until the 3rd inst., when the defendant brought me to Hongkong. I saw the defendant pay my mother \$235. The defendant paid my mother \$235. The defendant took me to a licensed brothel No. 121, on arriving here, and on the 10th instant I was taken to the Registrar General's department, from which place I was taken to the Tung Wah Hospital, where I am living at present. On the 10th instant I laid the information produced.

Inspector Whitehead said he was instructed to take the girl to the Magistrate to lay the information hand in hand. He went to No. 101 licensed brothel to find the defendant. She was not present, but the inmates sent for her, and on her arrival witness arrested her. She admitted to him that she had brought the complainant from Canton.

The defendant admitted having bought the complainant, but said the latter was willing to become a prostitute.

The Magistrate (H. G. Thomasset, Esq.) said the defendant had been convicted of an offence, which the Court considered of a serious kind that sentence of two years' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed.

Kwok Akiu, (31), married woman, was charged with bringing Tam Tai Kam, single woman, into this Colony for the purposes of prostitution in the beginning of this month.

Tam Tai Kam, the complainant, said she was sixteen years of age, and was a prostitute to Europeans in her mother's brothel at Whampoa on the 1st instant, and paid her mother \$205 for witness to become a prostitute in Hongkong for three years. The defendant asked witness if she agreed to this, and she answered "Yes." She saw her mother give the defendant the agreement paper for the sale of her body. Next day, the 2nd instant, the defendant brought her to Hongkong in a steamer. She was taken to a family house on her arrival on the 5th instant, to the Colonial Surgeon to be examined. On the 6th instant the mistress of brothel No. 33, (for Europeans) took her to the Registrar General's Department to be registered. From there she was sent to the Tung Wah Hospital, where she remained until the 10th instant, on which date she again visited the Registrar General's Department, after which she was taken to the Police Station, and laid the information produced. The defendant brought her here to be a prostitute, and she was quite willing to be so. In answer to the defendant, she said she saw her (the defendant) pay \$205 to her mother.

Inspector Whitehead gave evidence to the effect that after the Registrar General had made enquiries about the girl he was ordered to bring the complainant to the Police Station to lay the information which he handed in. The complainant pointed out the defendant in the house No. 81A Wellington Street.

The defendant had nothing to say in her defence, except that she brought the complainant here to be a prostitute at the request of the latter's mother. She did not pay any money for her.

The Magistrate said that she had been convicted of a similar offence to that of the woman in the other case. The crime was a very serious one, and must be put down here and it did not matter whether she had paid any money for the girl or not, she had brought the girl here for the purpose of prostitution, and he therefore sentenced her to two years' imprisonment with hard labour;

not invariably befall those who dig pits, it has most unfortunately been the fate of the speculators in land property in Hongkong. Words of wise advice have been freely uttered, but they "heard them as they heard them not," and, unlike the deaf adder, they listened to the voice of the charmer, and continued their reckless course. And now, when the bubble has burst, when the scales have fallen off their eyes, when their money has taken unto itself wings and flown away—if ever it was their money—when they have, according to their own statement, ruined the trade of the Colony, but as those who demand a right, and ask Government to advance them money to obviate the natural consequences of their madness. This principle on which the request is made is novel, and I think would never have been propounded, but for the mysterious policy of Governor Hennessy, which there can be no doubt tended to encourage this wild speculation in property. According to Sir John, these transactions in property were *bona fide* ones, and a strong proof of the increasing prosperity of the Chinese. The meeting of Saturday is a scathing commentary on such statements, and it is a pity that Sir John is not in the Colony to receive the first solution, and to soothie by his soft words, the vexed souls of his Chinese friends. Those gentlemen who convinced this wonderful meeting have a very considerable amount of faith in the financial idiocy of those who administer the affairs of the Colony. Chinese trade is admittedly in a rotten condition; that even native capitalists will not advance money to their unfortunate brethren, the foreign banks will not do so; and yet, knowing this, they come forward and coolly ask Government to risk the public money. Those who have lost their money must just content themselves with the ordinary means of recovering it, and by complying with the most common economic laws gradually obliterate the effects of their temporary madness, and restore that confidence without which healthy trade cannot exist.

BAH!

Philip Lui, compositor, was charged with being drunk, and assaulting a *jirikika* on the 11th instant.

Kong Asan, the complainant, and the defendant came out of the Stag Hotel yesterday evening in a drunken condition, and struck him a blow over the head with a stick. His wound was dressed by the Hospital authorities. The defendant struck him because he was in his way.

The defendant admitted having assaulted the complainant, but said he was provoked to do so by the coolie abusing him.

A fine of \$1, or two days' imprisonment was imposed.

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